

D-764
Old Hurlock Library
Hurlock
c. 1892
Private

The old Hurlock library is a small frame structure tucked away on a corner lot next to the former town post office, which since 1999, has served as the regional library for northern Dorchester County. The old library is a plain frame structure enhanced with a Colonial Revival entrance that was part of the modifications made when the original elementary school was converted into a library during the 1920s. Although the interior has been completely renovated, one of the identifying features of the former schoolhouse is the bank of four nine-over-nine sash windows that mark the south side. Known during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as "day-light" windows, the nesting of the sash in this manner was part of a wave of improvements made to the functionality of one-room schoolhouses across the state. The bank of windows on the south wall was intended to improve the naturally lighting in the classroom throughout the entire day.

Land ownership of this lot on the west side of South Main Street traces back to the town's founder, John Martin Hurlock, who conveyed a one-half acre of his land to the School Commissioners of Dorchester County in August 1891. The date of construction of the extant single-story one-room plan building is not known, but the architectural features place it during the last decade of the nineteenth century, most likely around 1892 after the acquisition of the land by the county school commissioners. After the construction of the large two-story brick school next door in 1908, this building was converted in use to a library, which is confirmed on the Sanborn Insurance map printed in 1923. It is stated that in 1929 the old schoolhouse was upgraded in appearance

with the addition of the Colonial Revival portico and the sidelighted entrance that more befitted a town library. The building served the town as such until the late 1990s, when the Hurlock post office next door was vacated and later modified to suit the needs of a larger, regional library for northern Dorchester County.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of

Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-764

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Hurlock Library

other Hurlock One-Room School

2. Location

street and number 202 South Main Street not for publication

city, town Hurlock vicinity

county Dorchester

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owner)

name Mayor and Council of Hurlock

street and number P. O. Box 327 telephone 410-943-4181

city, town Hurlock state MD zip code 21643

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber MLB 416 folio 338

city, town Cambridge tax map 401 tax parcel 412 tax ID number 15-011769

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The old Hurlock Library, originally erected as the Hurlock Elementary School, stands at 202 South Main Street in the center of Hurlock, Dorchester County, Maryland. Erected around 1892 and expanded during the third quarter of the twentieth century, the single-story, gable-front frame library building is supported on a rebuilt brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with aluminum siding over plain weatherboards. The medium pitched gable roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. The building faces east with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Dating around 1892, the single-story rectangular frame library building, originally erected as a one-room elementary school, is supported on a low brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with aluminum siding over plain weatherboards. The medium pitched gable front roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the late nineteenth century structure is a slightly shorter single story gable roofed addition erected in 1977-78. The east (main) façade is a one-bay elevation with a center entrance sheltered by a Colonial Revival portico. Supported on a poured concrete stoop, replacement Doric columns rise to a gable roof distinguished by an arched ceiling. The portico has an extended eave with boxed cornices trimmed with crown molding typical of the early twentieth century. The portico as well as the six-panel front door and sidelights date to the 1929 remodeling of the former school. Fixed in the gable end of the front elevation is a small, round four-pane window. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave and simple curved bargeboard.

The south side is defined by an off-center bank of four nine-over-nine "day-light" windows common to the reformed designs of one-room school houses erected during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The wall is plain finished except for a series of exposed rafter tails that define the base of the roof.

The west (rear) wall is covered by the addition erected in 1977-78. The north side wall is not pierced with any opening aside from a hole allotted for an air-conditioner. The edge of the roof has as the same exposed rafter tails as the south side.

The interior has been completely remodeled with the installation of dark brown sheet paneling and a dropped ceiling. Separate spaces for bathrooms have been partitioned in the southeast corner. Narrow tongue-and-groove fir boards serve as flooring. There is a distinct seam in the flooring between the late nineteenth century structure and the late 1970s addition.

The late 1970s addition is a frame structure supported on a concrete block foundation and is covered with a medium pitched roof with exposed rafter tails like the older section. There is a side entrance on the south wall that is sheltered by a shed roofed portico with a hand-capped ramp. The portico shelters a partially glazed door. There are two six-over-six sash windows to the west (left) of the side entrance.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates 1929

Architect/Builder

Construction dates 1977-78

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register☐ Maryland Register☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

SIGNIFICANCE

The old Hurlock library is a small frame structure tucked away on a corner lot next to the former town post office, which is now the location of the current library. The old library is a plain frame structure enhanced with a Colonial Revival entrance that was part of the modifications made when the original elementary school building was converted into the library during the 1920s. Although the interior has been completely renovated, one of the identifying features of the former schoolhouse is the bank of four nine-over-nine sash windows that mark the south side. Known during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as "day-light" windows, the nesting of sash in this manner was part of a wave of improvements made to the function of one-room school houses across the state. The bank of windows on the south wall was intended to improve the naturally lighting in the classroom throughout the entire day.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Land ownership of this lot of land on the west side of South Main Street traces back to the town's founder, John Martin Hurlock, who conveyed a one-half acre of his land to the School Commissioners of Dorchester County in August 1891.¹ The date of construction of the extant single story one-room plan building is not exactly known, but the architectural features place it during the last decade of the nineteenth century, most likely around 1892 after the acquisition of the land by the county school commissioners. After the construction of the large two-story brick school next door in 1908, this building was converted in use as a library, which is confirmed on the Sanborn Insurance map printed in 1923.² It is stated that in 1929 the old school was upgraded in appearance with the addition of a Colonial Revival portico and a sidelighted entrance as well as other modifications. The building served the town as such until the late 1990s when the Hurlock post office next door was vacated and later modified to suit the needs of a larger, regional library for northern Dorchester County.

¹ Dorchester County Land Record, CL 17/440, 28 August 1891, Dorchester County Courthouse.

² Sanborn Insurance Map, Hurlock, 1923, Library of Congress.

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Hurlock Library
202 South Main Street
Hurlock, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 401, Parcel 412

MLB 416/338 County Commissioners of Dorchester County

to

12.6.1999 Mayor and Council of Hurlock

Parcel No. 3 (being land conveyed to school commissioners of
Dorchester by John M. Hurlock, 8.28.1891, CL 17/440)

PLC 175/695 Board of Education of Dorchester County

to

7.11.1972 County Commissioners of Dorchester County

Parcel No. 3, Lot No. 1

CL 22/301 John M. Hurlock

To

5.31.1898 Board of School Commissioners of Dorchester

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All that lot of ground situated in said county in the town of Hurlock and adjoining the land conveyed by the said John M. Hurlock...to the second line of the Schoolhouse lot...containing fifty seven one hundredths of an acre, more or less....

CL 17/440

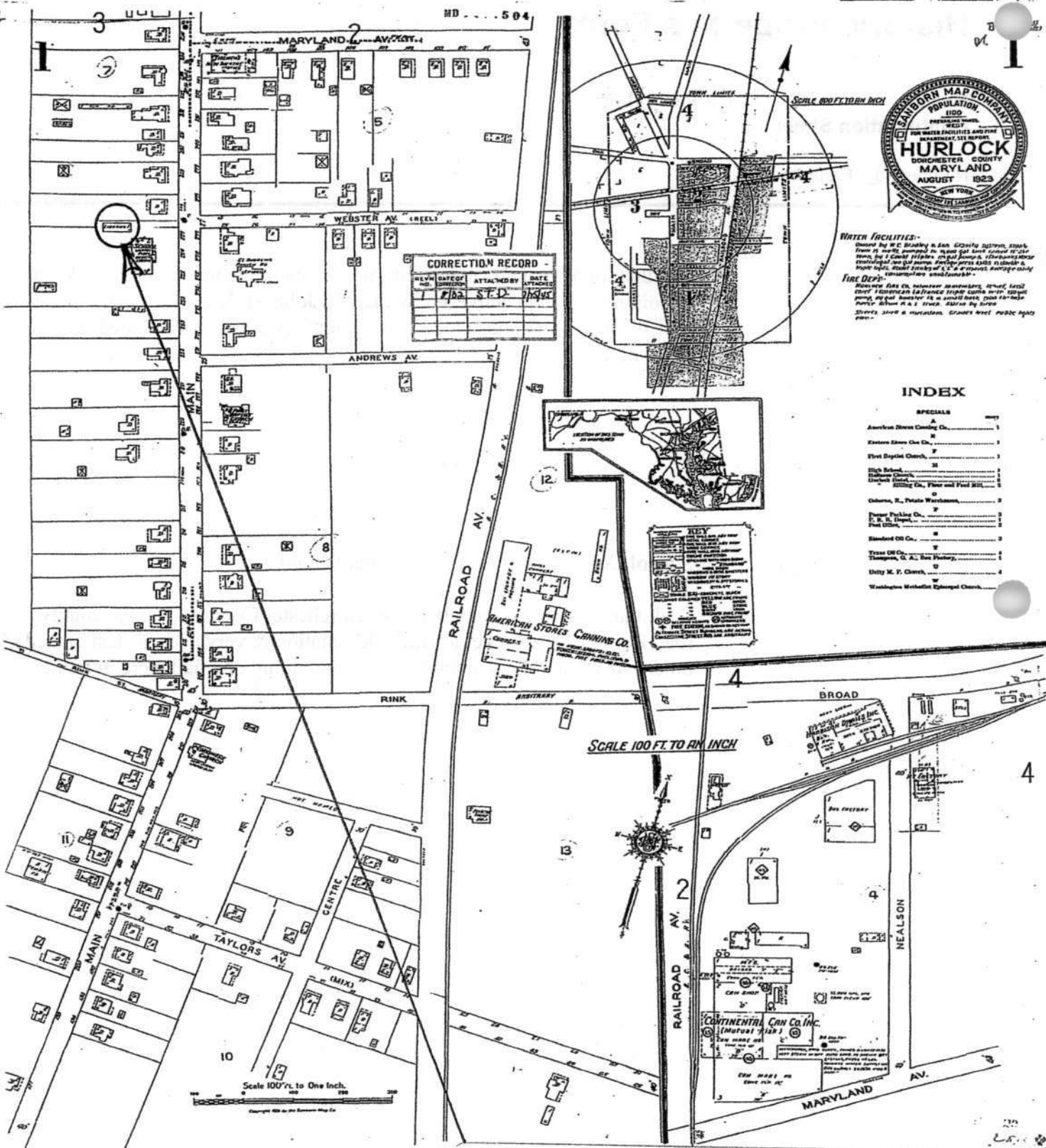
John M. Hurlock

to

8.28.1891

School Commissioners of Dorchester County

...all that Lot of ground situated in Dorchester County... on the county road from E. Newmarket to Hurlock's Station & very near the last named place on the west side of the county road...containing one-half acre in fee....



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202 South Main Street
Sanborn Insurance Map, 1923

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.
Sanborn Insurance Map, 1923, Library of Congress.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1/2 acre
Acreage of historical setting 1/2 acre
Quadrangle name Sharptown, MD-DEL

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

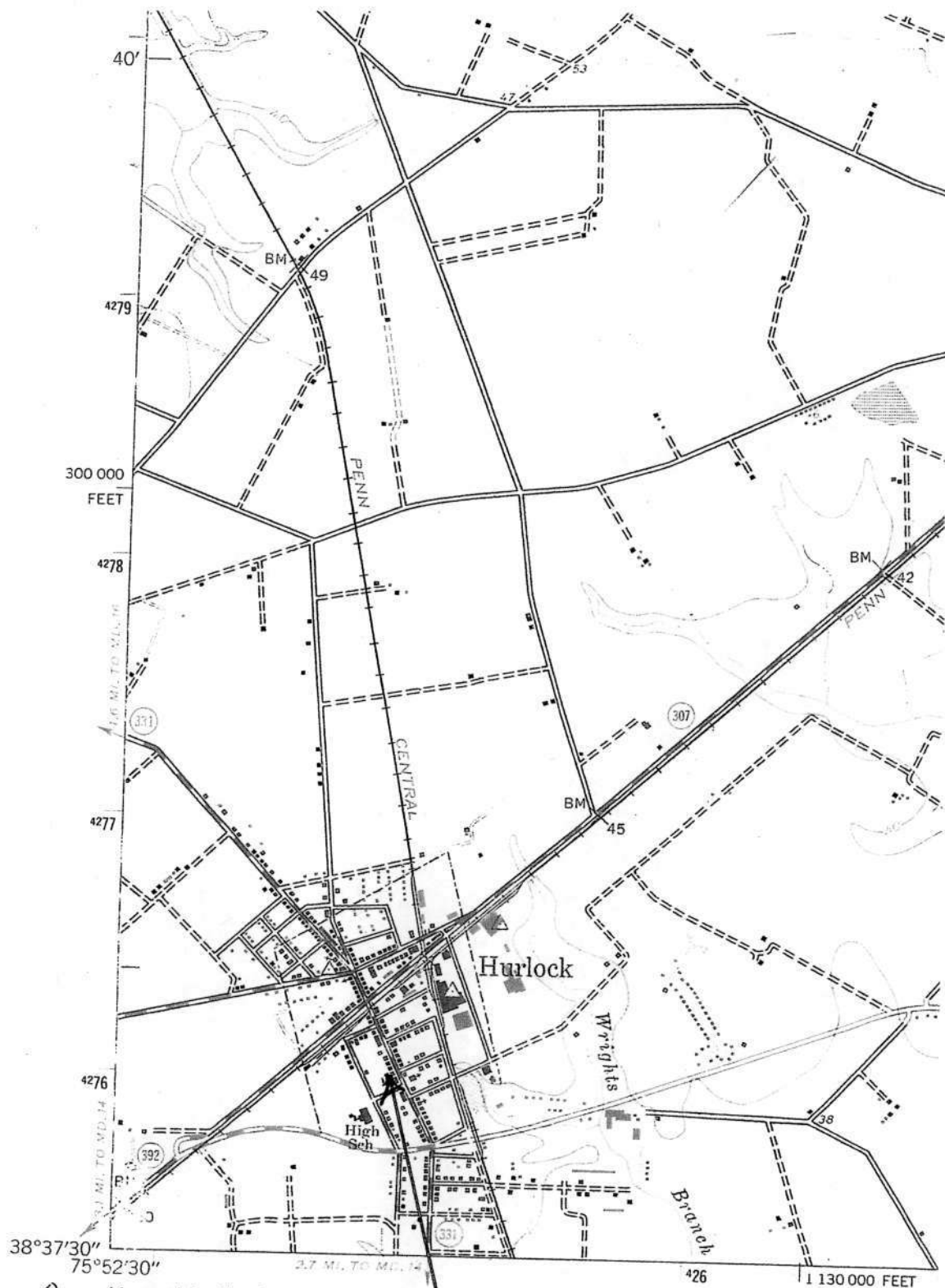
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	8/11/2008
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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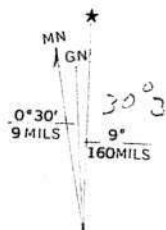
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and by planetable surveys 1944. Aerial photographs taken 1942

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue

Revisions shown in purple color. Survey from
aerial photographs taken 19



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202 South Main Street
Federalsburg, MD Quadrangle, 1974



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